

Minutes of the Public Works Committee - March 11, 2004

Chair Manke called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair Richard Manke, County Board Supervisors James Behrend, Genia Bruce, Karl Nilson, Hank Carlson (arrived at 8:40 a.m.), Rodell Singert, David Swan

Staff Present: County Board Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legislative Associate Sandra Meisenheimer

Also Present: Public Works Architectural Technician Mike Wells, Engineering Services Mgr. Gary Evans, Business Mgr. Betsy Crosswaite, Building Projects Mgr. Dennis Cerreta, Daniel Mueller (Project Mgr.) of Adolfson & Peterson Construction, Jail Administrator Mike Giese, Captain Meg Schnabl, Airport Commission Chair Ray Perry

Read Correspondence

Manke referred to an email from Supervisor Harenda regarding concerns from a constituent relative to the Barker Road/North Avenue Intersection.

Future Agenda Items

Singert suggested a discussion on the allocation of county lands for use of the airport, fairgrounds, Northview, and roughing out Airport Drive.

Approve Minutes of February 26, 2003

Motion: Carlson moved, second by Behrend, to approve the minutes of 2/26/03. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Verbal Report from Executive Committee Member

Manke reviewed items that were discussed and/or considered at the last meeting on 3/8/04. He stated that there was discussion on changes to the code pertaining to the sale of tax deeded property at the appraised value, action was taken on the ordinances for the UWW Switch/Transformer/Cable Replacement and the Orchard Ridge Recycling Expansion Agreement, and Chair Dwyer reported on the NACo legislative conference he attended in Washington D.C. at the end of February 28.

Verbal Report from Committee Member Attending Airport Commission Meeting

Bruce reviewed items that were discussed at the last meeting on 3/10/04:

- Consultant from Mead & Hunt gave an update on the environmental assessment of Airport Runway 10/28 for Runway Safety Area Project (copies distributed).
- Supervisor Singert handed out information on the Boseman Airport in Montana.
- Markano submitted the appropriation packet again to the State and Senator Kohl's office to seek funding for various airport projects.
- Markano is working with Purchasing to determine the feasibility of combining the snow removal contract with the grass-cutting contract because there were so few responses.
- The groundbreaking for the Jet A fuel tank installation is April 5.
- Statistical information: airport operations for February 2004 are up 10.66% compared to last year, and fuel flowage for February 2004 was 119,785 gallons which is up 14% compared to last year.
- A big item coming up is the discussion regarding sub-leasing issues.

Approve Bids for UW-Waukesha Switch/Transformer Replacement Project (200318)

Wells stated this is the project that was before the committee previously as an ordinance to transfer funds from Project #9705 (UW-W Southview Hall Renovation) to Project #200318 (UW-W Switch/ Transformer/Cable Replacement) in the amount of \$190,000.

Motion: Behrend moved, second by Nilson, to approve the base bid from Rewald Electric in the amount of \$562,360. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 158-O-149 Repeal and Recreate Waukesha County Code of Ordinances to Increase 2004 Fees for Right of Way Permits

Evans and Crosswaite were present.

Motion: Nilson moved, second by Carlson, to approve Ordinance 158-O-149. The ordinance amends the County Code to increase fees effective the first day of the month following approval. Fees were last increased in 2001. The proposed increases for the various existing fees range from \$10 to \$400 along with the implementation of two new fees within the fee schedule. New fees proposed include an application fee of \$220 for a commercial/ subdivision access permit, which is in addition to the permit fee, and a fee is also proposed for a traffic signal installation (\$1,030 per signal) when deemed necessary as a result of a subdivision traffic study.

Evans said as far as commercial/industrial subdivisions, they've broken it down a little more to reflect the work that has to be put into them. With the typical small subdivision or small commercial development, the driveways can be built according to standard details. The structure is changing slightly with the addition of an application fee, which is a fee if a development moves ahead requiring the county to have some preliminary work. Swan asked in the future if information on previous fees versus new fees could be supplied to the committee. Swan said he doesn't like to see fees more than double; however, from what has been said by staff, he does believe it is reasonable at this time. Crosswaite said she would provide information on the previous fees so the committee has something to compare to. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Approve Bids for Jail Alternate #2 (Area C Roof Construction Upgrade)

Cerreta and Mueller were present. Cerreta referred to the letter of March 8 from Dan Mueller, Project Manager, where a summary of the costs for Alternate No.2 – Area C Roof Change is detailed. There was a brief discussion on the support from Administration regarding this alternate. Swan asked what is the \$125,000 for? Cerreta said that amount is what has been spent to date from the project contingency. Esler added that the project contingency amount is about 7%. Manke said he will support the bids for this alternate today. The county board voted to put the money in the budget, and he will not argue with that.

Motion: Nilson moved, second by Behrend, to approve a contract for Bid Category 3A – Concrete to KBS Construction in the amount of \$40,000. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Motion: Nilson moved, second by Behrend, to approve a contract for Bid Categories 5A & 5B – Steel Supply & Erection to Duwe Metal Products in the amount of \$47,185. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Motion: Nilson moved, second by Behrend, to approve a contract for Bid Category 7A – Roofing to Langer Roofing & Sheet Metal in the amount of \$28,160. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Motion: Nilson moved, second by Behrend, to approve a contract for Bid Category 7B – Fireproofing to Rolling Plains Construction in the amount of minus \$16,300. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Motion: Nilson moved, second by Behrend, to approve a contract for Bid Category 14A – Elevators to Braun Corporation in the amount of \$5,050. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Motion: Nilson moved, second by Behrend, to approve a contract for Bid Category 15A – Plumbing to Butters-Fetting Co. in the amount of minus \$500. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Status Update on Jail Construction

Esler said he walked around the site yesterday. Grading is being done around the loading dock area, the digger was sitting on top of the dirt pile on Buena Vista, and they were scraping the ground for the parking lot. Cerreta said when it dries out a little more, the committee will be able to look over the site.

Status of Mass Transit Contracts

Esler gave an update of the last meeting which was last Thursday. He stated the City of Waukesha Transit Board recommended the four commuter routes (901, 904, 905, 906) be awarded to Coach USA, which was unanimously approved without debate. There were 13 public speakers who were limited to two minutes each. The meeting was over three minutes after public comment was taken. The Common Council will have this

item on their agenda on March 16 with it most likely being unanimously approved without debate as well. Bob Johnson anticipates that the contract will be effective April 1, 2004 for the aforementioned routes. Also in attendance at the meeting were County Board Supervisors Carlson, Silva and Jaske. Esler said he has requested and will have available the re-proposal documents after the bids are approved by the Common Council on March 16.

Esler also updated the committee on what happened on Route #218, a fixed route, which was awarded to MV Transportation on January 2, 2004. This route goes from 116th and Greenfield in West Allis and makes a loop in the New Berlin Industrial Park. The bus was in trouble and taken out of service, and a Waukesha Metro bus was put in until the difficulties could be straightened out.

Nilson said his vision for public transportation is for people who do not have cars so it is interesting to hear who actually is using it and the reasons why. It would have been interesting to see what would have happened if a bare-bones bus was used and if people continued to ride it. Nilson said he thought most people using the buses did not have cars but actually it is quite the opposite. Nilson said he believes we are woefully lacking in public transportation.

Manke said there will be a mass transit update from Bob Johnson of Waukesha Metro Transit at the last committee meeting of the Board year, which is April 1, 2004.

Discuss Duties, Responsibilities and Composition of an Airport Commission

Manke stated that the Executive Committee will be reviewing all of the boards and commissions. To Nilson's question, Perry briefly reviewed who the Commission members are and their backgrounds. Perry said the formation of the Airport Commission 12 years ago was a smart decision. There are five members and the members vote the Chairman in. Nilson asked Perry is there anything with the structure of the commission that you would like to see changed? Perry replied that he has thought about it a lot and he doesn't want it to be an independent authority. He believes the commission is working well the way it is.

Singert said this agenda item is timely. It reflects the somewhat inconsistency of some of the committees and commissions and how the county board is represented and how the public is represented. Singert said the commission is doing a good job. His reason for bringing this up is it should be reviewed in terms of the number of people on the commission. He believes it should be increased from five to seven members with one of the two additional being a county board supervisor. Singert said this isn't unreasonable and would be consistent with the other boards/commissions. To Carlson's question, Singert replied that his chances of being appointed to the Airport Commission are nil.

Carlson said the only thing he sees that is wrong with the airport is they don't make enough of an effort in public relations. He hasn't attended recent commission meetings, because the agendas don't reflect anything needing his attention. He doesn't have any objections to the commission having two more members, but he is okay with the way it is. Behrend said he doesn't see any reason to expand the commission. If there is an attendance problem, then get someone who can attend the meetings. Nilson said he likes the mix of people on the commission now and agrees with Behrend's reasons. Singert said seven members would be a better representation and a better connector between the county board and the commission. Swan said he has a tendency to stick with five members because of the quorum issue, but he is interested in what the Executive Committee has to say on the subject. Bruce, a member of the Airport Commission, said she believes five members are adequate, and right now the commission is running smoothly.

Motion to adjourn: Behrend moved, second by Swan, to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Genia C. Bruce
Secretary

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